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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re PATENT APPLICATION OF  
**RITTER et al.**

Appln. No.: New Application

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Group Art Unit: Unassigned

TITLE: PAYMENT TRANSACTION  
METHOD AND TRANSACTION SYSTEM

November 28, 2000

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Entry and consideration of the following amendments in the  
above-identified application are requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, change "one of the claims 1 or 2" to  
--claim 1--.

Claim 4, line 1, change "one of the claims 1 to 3" to  
--claim 1--.

Claim 5, line 1, change "one of the claims 1 to 4" to  
--claim 1--.